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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

CARACAS FOR CLAGETT TAYLOR

PANAMA FOR JOHN BLACKEN

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SUBJECT: FRELIMO PARDONS 240 TRAITORS

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1. IN MEETING ON ANOTHER SUBJECT WITH FRELIMO VICE

PRESIDENT MARCELINO DOS SANTOS MARCH 21, I RAISED QUESTION OF "CONFESSIONS" AT NACHINGWEA MARCH 16 (REFTELS A AND B, WHICH BEING REPEATED TO BLANTYRE), I POINTED OUT THAT US EMBASSIES, LIKE THOSE OF OTHER COUNTRIES, ROUTINELY MAINTAINED CONTACTS WITH MEMBERS OF LIBERATION MOVEMENTS, IN ORDER BETTER TO UNDERSTAND THEM. AS DOS SANTOS AWARE, OFFICERS FROM THIS EMBASSY HAD HAD OCCASIONAL CONTACTS WITH FRELIMO PEOPLE FOR SOME TIME. IF FRELIMO HAD ANYTHING TO SAY ABOUT THESE RELATIONS, I HOPED HE WOULD SPEAK FRANKLY.

2. DOS SANTOS LOOKED UNCOMFORTABLE, AND MUMBLED SOMETHING ABOUT WANTING TO BE POLITE. IT WAS AN OBJECTIVE FACT THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD SUPPORTED PORTUGAL AND THUS OPPOSED FRELIMO. IT IS NOW DISCOVERED THAT THE US HAD CONTACTS (WITH ANIT-FRELIMO MOVEMENTS, HE IMPLIED) GOING BACK TO 1962. WELL..... DOS SANTOS' REMARKS, WHICH FAIRLY LENGTHY, WERE MADE WITH MIXTURE OF SARCASM AND BANTER, AND WHILE NEVER GETTING VERY SPECIFIC, WERE INTENDED TO CONVEY THE THOUGHT THAT OF COURSE USG HAD FINANCED COREMO AND IT WASN'T TOO POLITE OF ME TO ASK HIM TO CALL US LIARS TO OUR FACES. WE LEFT IT AT THAT.

3. DOS SANTOS MENTIONED SCORNFULLY (PRESUMABLY AS EXAMPLE OF COUNTRIES' TRYING TO GENY THE OBVIOUS) THAT RADIO THIS MORNING REPORTED THAT MALAWI GOVERNMENT HAD DENIED EVER SUPPORTING ANYBODY BUT FRELIMO.

4. DOS SANTOS SAID HE EXPECTED THAT FULL TEXTS OF "CONFESSIONS" WOULD PROBABLY BE MADE PUBLIC SHORTLY, AS THEY HAD BEEN GIVEN TO JOURNALISTS. SERGIO VIEIRA, FRELIMO AIDE WHO WAS TAKING NOTES OF THE CONVERSATION, SAID HE UNDERSTOOD THAT MOZAMBIQUE PRESS WOULD BE PRINTING TEXTS, WHICH AS THEY WERE IN PORTUGUESE WAS ONLY PROPER. I SAID WE WOULD VERY MUCH LIKE TO SEE THEM.

5. COMMENT: TWO ALTERNATIVE EXPLANATIONS OF GUMAN'S CONFIDENTIAL

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"CONFESSION" SUGGEST THEMSELVES: (A) GUMANE CONCOCTED HIS ACCOUNT OF BEING PAID AND ADVISED BY USG IN ORDER CURRY FAVOR WITH HIS CAPTORS, WHOM HE MIGHT WELL THINK WOULD FIND SUCH "ADMISSIONS" PLAUSIBLE AND WELCOME. IN THIS CASE DOS SANTOS AND OTHER FRELIMO LEADERS MAY BELIEVE GUMANE'S STORY -- AND CERTAINLY DOS SANTOS DID HIS BEST TO GIVE THAT IMPRESSION. (B) GUMANE'S "CONFESSION" WAS DICTATED TO HIM BY FRELIMO

(OR WAS ACCEPTED BY FRELIMO WITHOUT BEING BELIEVED)  
AS A CONVENIENT WAY OF REINFORCING ITS FOLLOWERS'  
BELIEF IN THE VICIOUS DEEDS TO BE EXPECTED OF THE US  
AND OTHER IMPERIALIST NATIONS. FACT THAT CONFESSION  
ALSO DRAGS IN (IMPLAUSIBLY) SUCH ASSORTED LATTER-DAY  
VILLAINS AS ISRAEL AND SIMON KAPWEPWE (TO PLEASE  
KAUNDA?) AND IGNORES COREMO'S RELATIONS WITH ZAMBIA,  
ZAIRE AND CHINA, WOULD TEND TO SUPPORT SECOND VIEW.  
SINCE FRELIMO, AND OTHERS, MAY PROBABLY EXPLOIT  
STORY ON THE BASIS OF POLITICAL CRITERIA UNCONNECTED  
WITH WHETHER THEY BELIEVE IT OR NOT, IT MAY NOT MAKE  
MUCH DIFFERENCE WHICH ALTERNATIVE IS CORRECT.  
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